

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An automatic driver device (~~3~~) for joining components, in a driving station, the driver device comprising:

a basic carrier having a principle plane;

a plurality of automatic driver tools mounted on said basic carrier;

an adjusting means, said automatic driver tools being movable ~~along a plurality of axes~~ in multiple directions in the principal plane of the base carrier by means of said adjusting means wherein said driver tools are adjustable in position relative to each other, a group of said plurality of driver tools being integrated in at least one screwdriver group with at least one of said plurality of driver tools not being integrated in said at least one screwdriver group and with said plurality of driver tools in said at least one screwdriver group being mounted together movably and moveable together as a group in the common plane of movement at the basic carrier, by means of said adjusting means, relative to said at least one of said plurality of driver tools not being integrated in said at least one screwdriver group.

2. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said driver tools are additionally mounted movably in relation to one another by means of said adjusting means within said screwdriver group.

3. (Currently Amended) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adjusting means comprises a ~~multistep~~ multistage carriage unit that can be telescoped or

cascaded.

4. (Currently Amended) A driver device in accordance with claim 3, wherein the carriage unit has a plurality of said carriage ~~steps~~ stages that are movable relative to one another along at least one axis.

5. (Currently Amended) A driver device in accordance with claim 4, wherein the carriage ~~steps~~ stages are mounted next to each other.

6. (Currently Amended) A driver device in accordance with claim 4, wherein at least one said carriage ~~step~~ stage has a plate~~[-]~~ or frame~~-like~~ subcarrier with a plurality of said driver tools integrated in a screwdriver group.

7. (Currently Amended) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least one of said driver tools from the screwdriver group is arranged on at least one next carriage stage and/or on a transverse adjusting portion of said adjusting means.

8. (Currently Amended) A driver device in accordance with claim 4, wherein the carriage ~~steps~~ stages have controllable carriage drives of their own.

9. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said

adjusting means has a smaller width and length than the basic carrier.

10. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 3, wherein a plurality of said carriage units are arranged next to each other on the basic carrier.

11. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 3, wherein said adjusting means has, for each of said driver tools, a linear transverse adjusting means with a controllable adjusting drive.

12. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 11, wherein the transverse adjusting means is arranged between the driver tools and the multistep carriage unit or a one-step longitudinal adjusting means.

13. (Currently Amended) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the driver tools ~~has~~ have a bracket and a driving unit movable thereon along one or more axes.

14. (Currently Amended) A driver device ~~in accordance with claim 13,~~ for joining components, in a driving station, the driver device comprising:

a basic carrier;

a plurality of automatic driver tools mounted on said basic carrier;

an adjusting means, said automatic driver tools being movable along a plurality of axes

by means of said adjusting means, said plurality of driver tools being integrated in at least one screwdriver group and being mounted together movably at the basic carrier by means of said adjusting means wherein the driver tools have a bracket and a driving unit movable thereon along one or more axes and wherein a height adjusting means is arranged between the bracket and the driving unit.

15. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 13, wherein a pivoting adjusting means is arranged between the bracket and the driving unit.

16. (Currently Amended) A driver device ~~in accordance with claim 13, ;~~ for joining components, in a driving station, the driver device comprising:

_____ a basic carrier;

_____ a plurality of automatic driver tools mounted on said basic carrier;

_____ an adjusting means, said automatic driver tools being movable along a plurality of axes by means of said adjusting means, said plurality of driver tools being integrated in at least one screwdriver group and being mounted together movably at the basic carrier by means of said adjusting means wherein the driver tools have a bracket and a driving unit movable thereon along one or more axes and wherein the driving unit has a driving spindle with a driving head and with a carried spindle drive.

17. (Currently Amended) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the basic

carrier has a plate~~[-]]~~ or frame~~-like~~ design.

18. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the basic carrier has a chassis and a rail guide, for withdrawing and extending from the driving station.

19. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the basic carrier has a centering and lifting unit.

20. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 19, wherein the centering and lifting unit comprises a plurality of introducing units with ~~said~~ lifting devices.

21. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising: a control connected to said adjusting means and spindle drives of said driving unit.

22. (Previously Presented) A driver device in accordance with claim 21, wherein the control comprises a numeric multi-axis control.

23. (Currently Amended) A driving station for joining ~~said~~ components of vehicle bodies, the station comprising:

an automatic driver device comprising a basic carrier having a principle plane, a

plurality of automatic driver tools mounted on said basic carrier and an adjusting means, said
5 automatic driver tools being movable along a plurality of axes in the principal plane of the base
carrier by means of said adjusting means wherein the driver tools are adjustable in position
relative to each other, said plurality of driver tools including one group of driver tools being
integrated in at least one screwdriver group and other driver tools, said one group of driver
tools being mounted together movably and moveable together, in the common plane of
10 movement at said basic carrier, relative to said other screwing tools by means of said adjusting
means.

24. (Previously Presented) A driving station in accordance with claim 22, wherein a
spindle carrier is arranged between the components and the driver device.

25. (Currently Amended) A process for joining ~~said~~ components of vehicle bodies, in
a driving station with an automatic driver, the process comprising the steps of:

providing a basic carrier having a principle plane, and with a plurality of automatic
driver tools mounted thereon and moveable ~~movably~~ along multiple axes in the principal plane
5 of the base carrier ~~thereon~~ by means of an adjusting means wherein said driving tools are
adjustable in position relative to each other; and

integrating one group of said plurality of driver tools in a screwdriver group with other
driver tools of said plurality of driver tools not being in said screwdriver group; and
adjusting are adjusted a position of said screwdriver group by movement of said one

group of said plurality of driver tools together, in the common plane of movement at said basic carrier, relative to said other driver tools of said plurality of driver tools by means of said adjusting means.

26. (Currently Amended) A process in accordance with claim 25, wherein one or more of said driver tools are additionally adjusted relative to one another by means of said adjusting means within the screwdriver group.